

Mechanics: Momentum and Impulse Worksheet

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Momentum Questions:

1. A 21 kg child on a 5.9 kg bike is riding with a velocity of 4.5 m/s to the northwest.

a. What is the total momentum of the child and bike together?

$$m = 21 \text{ kg} + 5.9 \text{ kg} = 26.9 \text{ kg} \quad p = mv = (26.9 \text{ kg})(4.5 \text{ m/s}) = \boxed{121.1 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s NW}}$$

b. What is the momentum of the child?

$$m = 21 \text{ kg} \quad p = mv = (21 \text{ kg})(4.5 \text{ m/s}) = \boxed{94.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s NW}}$$

c. What is the momentum of the bike?

$$m = 5.9 \text{ kg} \quad p = mv = (5.9 \text{ kg})(4.5 \text{ m/s}) = \boxed{26.6 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s NW}}$$

2. What velocity must a 1210 kg car have in order to have the same momentum as a 2250 kg pickup truck traveling at 25 m/s to the east?

$$m_T = 2250 \text{ kg} \quad p_T = m_T v_T = (2250 \text{ kg})(25 \text{ m/s}) = 56250 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

$$m_C = 1210 \text{ kg} \quad p_C = m_C v_C = 56250 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

$$v_C = \frac{p_C}{m_C} = \frac{56250 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{1210 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{46.5 \text{ m/s E}}$$

Force and Impulse Questions:

3. A 0.50 kg football is thrown with a velocity of 15 m/s to the right. A stationary receiver catches the ball and brings it to rest in 0.020 s. What is the force exerted on the ball by the receiver?

$$F = x \quad m = 0.5 \text{ kg} \quad F \Delta t = \Delta p \quad F = \frac{mv_f - mv_i}{\Delta t} = \frac{0 - (0.50 \text{ kg})(15 \text{ m/s})}{0.020 \text{ s}} = \boxed{3.75 \text{ N LEFT (-)}}$$

4. A 0.40 kg soccer ball approaches a player horizontally with a velocity of 18 m/s to the north. The player strikes the ball and causes it to move in the opposite direction with a velocity of 22 m/s. What impulse was delivered to the ball by the player?

$$m = 0.4 \text{ kg} \quad v_i = 18 \text{ m/s} \quad v_f = -22 \text{ m/s} \quad I = \Delta p = mv_f - mv_i = (0.4 \text{ kg})(-22 \text{ m/s}) - (0.4 \text{ kg})(18 \text{ m/s}) = \boxed{16 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s SOUTH (-)}}$$

5. A 0.50 kg object is at rest. A 3.00 N force to the right acts on the object during a time interval of 1.50 s.

a. What is the velocity of the object at the end of this interval?

$$m = 0.5 \text{ kg} \quad F = 3 \text{ N} \quad F \Delta t = \Delta p \quad F \Delta t = mv_f - mv_i \quad v_f = \frac{F \Delta t}{m} = \frac{(3 \text{ N})(1.5 \text{ s})}{0.5 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{9 \text{ m/s RIGHT}}$$

b. At the end of this interval, a constant force of 4.00 N to the left is applied for 3.00 s. What is the velocity at the end of 3.00 s?

$$m = 0.5 \text{ kg} \quad F = -4 \text{ N} \quad F \Delta t = \Delta p \quad F \Delta t = mv_f - mv_i$$

$$(-4 \text{ N})(3 \text{ s}) = (0.5 \text{ kg})v_f - (0.5 \text{ kg})(9 \text{ m/s})$$

$$v_f = \boxed{-15 \text{ m/s LEFT}}$$

Stopping Distance Questions:

6. A 2240 kg car traveling to the west slows down uniformly from 20.0 m/s to 5.00 m/s. How long does it take the car to decelerate if the force on the car is 8410 N to the east? How far does the car travel during the deceleration?

$$m = 2240 \text{ kg} \quad F = -8410 \text{ N} \quad F \Delta t = \Delta p \quad F \Delta t = mv_f - mv_i \quad \Delta t = \frac{mv_f - mv_i}{F} = \frac{(2240 \text{ kg})(5 \text{ m/s}) - (2240 \text{ kg})(20 \text{ m/s})}{-8410 \text{ N}} = 4 \text{ s}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \frac{5 \text{ m/s} - 20 \text{ m/s}}{4 \text{ s}} = -3.75 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad \quad (5)^2 = (20)^2 + 2(-3.75)d \quad d = \boxed{50 \text{ m}}$$

7. How long would the car in question 6 take to come to a stop from its initial velocity of 20.0 m/s to the west? How far would the car move before stopping? SEE ABOVE

$$(-8410 \text{ N})\Delta t = (2240 \text{ kg})(0 \text{ m/s}) - (2240 \text{ kg})(20 \text{ m/s}) \quad \Delta t = 5.33 \text{ s}$$

$$d = \boxed{53.3 \text{ m}}$$

Conservation of Momentum Questions:

8. An 85.0 kg fisherman jumps from a dock into a 135.0 kg rowboat at rest on the west side of the dock. If the velocity of the fisherman is 4.30 m/s to the west as he leaves the dock, what is the final velocity of the fisherman and the boat?

$$m_1 = 85 \text{ kg} \quad m_2 = 135 \text{ kg} \quad m_1 v_1 + m_2 v_2 = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

$$(85 \text{ kg})(4.3 \text{ m/s}) + (135 \text{ kg})(0) = (85 \text{ kg} + 135 \text{ kg}) v_f$$

$$v_f = \frac{365.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{220 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{1.66 \text{ m/s W}}$$

9. A boy on a 2.0 kg skateboard initially at rest tosses an 8.0 kg jug of water in the forward direction. If the jug has a speed of 3.0 m/s relative to the ground and the boy and the skateboard move in the opposite direction at 0.60 m/s, find the boy's mass.

$$(m_s + m_b + m_j) v_i = (m_s + m_b) v_s + m_j v_j$$

$$(2 \text{ kg} + x + 8 \text{ kg}) 0 = (2 \text{ kg} + x)(-0.6 \text{ m/s}) + (8 \text{ kg})(3 \text{ m/s})$$

$$0 = -1.2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s} - 0.6x \text{ m/s} + 24 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}$$

$$x = \frac{22.8 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{0.6} = \boxed{38 \text{ kg}}$$

Perfectly Inelastic Collisions Questions:

10. A 1500 kg car traveling at 15.0 m/s to the south collides with a 4500 kg truck that is initially at rest at a stoplight. The car and the truck stick together and move together after the collision. What is the final velocity of the two-vehicle mass?

$$m_c = 1500 \text{ kg} \quad m_t = 4500 \text{ kg} \quad m_c v_{c_i} + m_t v_{t_i} = (m_c + m_t) v_f$$

$$v_c = 15 \text{ m/s} \quad v_t = 0 \quad (1500 \text{ kg})(15 \text{ m/s}) + 0 = (1500 \text{ kg} + 4500 \text{ kg}) v_f$$

$$v_f = \frac{22500 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{6000 \text{ kg}} = 3.75 \text{ m/s}$$

11. A dry cleaner throws a 22 kg bag of laundry onto a stationary 9.0 kg cart. The cart and laundry bag begin moving at 3.0 m/s to the right. Find the velocity of the laundry bag before the collision.

$$m_b = 22 \text{ kg} \quad v_b = x \quad v_f = 3 \text{ m/s} \quad m_b v_b + m_c v_c = (m_b + m_c) v_f$$

$$m_c = 9 \text{ kg} \quad v_c = 0 \quad (22 \text{ kg})x + 0 = (22 \text{ kg} + 9 \text{ kg})(3 \text{ m/s})$$

$$x = \frac{93 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m/s}}{22 \text{ kg}} = 4.2 \text{ m/s RIGHT}$$

12. A 47.4 kg student runs down the sidewalk and jumps with a horizontal speed of 4.20 m/s onto a stationary skateboard. The student and the skateboard move down the sidewalk with a speed of 3.95 m/s. Find the following:

a. The mass of the skateboard.

$$m_s = 47.4 \text{ kg} \quad v_s = 4.2 \text{ m/s} \quad m_s v_s + m_b v_b = (m_s + m_b) v_f$$

$$m_b = x \quad v_b = 0 \quad v_f = 3.95 \text{ m/s} \quad (47.4 \text{ kg})(4.2 \text{ m/s}) + 0 = (47.4 \text{ kg} + x)(3.95 \text{ m/s})$$

$$x = 3 \text{ kg}$$

- b. How fast the student would have to jump to have a final speed of 5.00 m/s.

$$m_s = 47.4 \text{ kg} \quad v_s = x \quad m_s v_s + m_b v_b = (m_s + m_b) v_f$$

$$m_b = 3 \text{ kg} \quad v_b = 0 \quad v_f = 5 \text{ m/s} \quad (47.4 \text{ kg})x + 0 = (47.4 \text{ kg} + 3 \text{ kg})(5 \text{ m/s})$$

$$x = 5.32 \text{ m/s}$$

Kinetic Energy in Perfectly Inelastic Collisions Questions:

13. A 0.25 kg arrow with a velocity of 12 m/s to the west strikes and pierces the center of a 6.8 kg target.

- a. What is the final velocity of the combined mass?

$$m_a = 0.25 \text{ kg} \quad v_a = 12 \text{ m/s} \quad m_a v_a + m_t v_t = (m_a + m_t) v_f$$

$$m_t = 6.8 \text{ kg} \quad v_t = 0 \quad v_f = x \quad (0.25 \text{ kg})(12 \text{ m/s}) + 0 = (0.25 \text{ kg} + 6.8 \text{ kg})x$$

$$x = 0.43 \text{ m/s W}$$

- b. What is the decrease in the kinetic energy during the collision?

$$KE_{a_i} = \frac{1}{2}(0.25 \text{ kg})(12 \text{ m/s})^2 = 18 \text{ J} \quad KE_{f} = \frac{1}{2}(0.25 \text{ kg} + 6.8 \text{ kg})(0.43)^2$$

$$KE_{t_i} = 0 \quad = 0.65 \text{ J} \quad \Delta KE = 18 \text{ J} - 0.65 \text{ J} = 17.35 \text{ J}$$

14. During practice, a student kicks a 0.40 kg soccer ball with a velocity of 8.5 m/s to the south into a 0.15 kg bucket lying on its side. The bucket travels with the ball after the collision.

- a. What is the final velocity of the combined mass?

$$m_s = 0.4 \text{ kg} \quad v_s = 8.5 \text{ m/s} \quad m_s v_s + m_b v_b = (m_s + m_b) v_f$$

$$m_b = 0.15 \text{ kg} \quad v_b = 0 \quad v_f = x \quad (0.4 \text{ kg})(8.5 \text{ m/s}) + 0 = (0.4 \text{ kg} + 0.15 \text{ kg})x$$

$$x = 6.18 \text{ m/s S}$$

- b. What is the decrease in the kinetic energy during the collision?

$$KE_{s_i} = \frac{1}{2}(0.4 \text{ kg})(8.5 \text{ m/s})^2 = 14.45 \text{ J} \quad KE_{f} = \frac{1}{2}(0.4 \text{ kg} + 0.15 \text{ kg})(6.18 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$KE_{b_i} = 0 \quad = 10.50 \text{ J} \quad \Delta KE = 14.45 \text{ J} - 10.5 \text{ J} = 3.95 \text{ J}$$

Elastic Collisions Questions:

15. A 16.0 kg canoe moving to the left at 12.5 m/s makes an elastic head-on collision with a 14.0 kg raft moving to the right at 16.0 m/s. After the collision, the raft moves to the left at 14.4 m/s. Disregard and effects of the water.

- a. Find the velocity of the canoe after the collision.

$$m_c = 16 \text{ kg} \quad m_r = 14 \text{ kg} \quad m_c v_{c_i} + m_r v_{r_i} = m_c v_{c_f} + m_r v_{r_f}$$

$$v_{c_i} = -12.5 \text{ m/s} \quad v_{r_i} = 16 \text{ m/s} \quad v_{r_f} = -14.4 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(16 \text{ kg})(-12.5 \text{ m/s}) + (14 \text{ kg})(16 \text{ m/s}) = (16 \text{ kg})x + (14 \text{ kg})(-14.4 \text{ m/s})$$

$$x = -14.1 \text{ m/s RIGHT}$$

- b. Verify your answer by calculating the total kinetic energy before and after the collision.

$$KE_{c_i} = \frac{1}{2}(16)(12.5)^2 = 1250 \text{ J} \quad KE_{r_i} = \frac{1}{2}(14)(16)^2 = 1792 \text{ J} \quad \Sigma KE_i = 1250 + 1792 = 3042 \text{ J}$$

$$KE_{c_f} = \frac{1}{2}(16)(-14.1)^2 = 1590.5 \text{ J} \quad KE_{r_f} = \frac{1}{2}(14)(14.4)^2 = 1451.5 \text{ J} \quad \Sigma KE_f = 1590.5 + 1451.5 = 3042 \text{ J}$$

16. A 25.0 kg bumper car moving to the right at 5.00 m/s overtakes and collides elastically with a 35.0 kg bumper car moving to the right. After the collision, the 25.0 kg bumper car slows to 1.50 m/s to the right, and the 35.0 kg bumper car moves at 4.50 m/s to the right.

- a. Find the velocity of the 35.0 kg bumper car before the collision.

$$m_1 = 25 \text{ kg} \quad m_2 = 35 \text{ kg} \quad m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$$

$$v_{1i} = 5 \text{ m/s} \quad v_{1f} = 1.5 \text{ m/s} \quad v_{2f} = 4.5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$(25 \text{ kg})(5 \text{ m/s}) + (35 \text{ kg})x = (25 \text{ kg})(1.5 \text{ m/s}) + (35 \text{ kg})(4.5 \text{ m/s})$$

$$x = 2 \text{ m/s RIGHT}$$

- b. Verify your answer by calculating the total kinetic energy before and after the collision.

$$KE_{1i} = \frac{1}{2}(25)(5)^2 = 312.5 \text{ J} \quad KE_{2i} = \frac{1}{2}(35)(2)^2 = 70 \text{ J} \quad \Sigma KE_i = 382.5 \text{ J}$$

$$KE_{1f} = \frac{1}{2}(25)(1.5)^2 = 28.125 \text{ J} \quad KE_{2f} = \frac{1}{2}(35)(4.5)^2 = 354.375 \text{ J} \quad \Sigma KE_f = 382.5 \text{ J}$$